

JB Pritzker, Governor Paula A. Basta, M.Div., Director

One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271 Phone: 800-252-8966 • 888-206-1327 (TTY) • Fax: 217-785-4477

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 11, 2022

CONTACT: Iris Schweier 773-636-8802 Iris.Schweier@Illinois.gov

Nominations Due by June 1 for Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, **III.** – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is reminding residents about the upcoming deadline to submit nominations for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame, open to adults aged 65 and older who excel in the categories of community service, education, performance and/or graphic arts, and the labor force.

"The deadline is quickly approaching to nominate an older friend, family member, or neighbor for this special recognition," **said IDoA Director Paula Basta**. "Particularly as we celebrate Older Americans Month and honor the older people in our lives, the Department on Aging wants to hear from you about the ways older adults have contributed to the communities they call home."

The Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame was established by the General Assembly in 1994 to honor older adults' accomplishments and contributions. Each year, four Illinoisans aged 65 or older are inducted into the Hall of Fame for their work in community service, education, arts or the labor force.

Nominations for 2022 inductees must be submitted by June 1. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/HallofFame.

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/programs or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

###